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FOR SSM ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF A SECURITY OFFICER

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1. APPRECIATE YOUR REPORT ON STATUS OF EFFORT TO RECRUIT A SECURITY OFFICER FOR SFM. ALTHOUGH AN RSO/TSO WOULD BE AN IDEAL SOLUTION, PROVIDING THE EXPERTISE TO MEET OUR NEED FOR A STANDARDS MAN IN ADDITION TO MEETING OUR SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE MOST EMPHATICALLY THAT NEED AN RSO FAR MORE THAN A STANDARDS MAN.

2. INSOFAR AS ASSIGNMENT OF A TSO WITHOUT PREVIOUS OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT WE NEED A QUALIFIED SECURITY OFFICER. I HAVE NO PREJUDICE AGAINST NEW OFFICERS AND I RECOGNIZE THAT ALL OF US HAD TO START SOMEWHERE. HOWEVER, SFM IS A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT AND WHILE MANY ASPECTS OF THE ASSIGNMENT ARE TRADITIONANL RSO FUNCTIONS, I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT SFM IS A GOOD PLACE FOR AN OFFICER TO RECEIVE HIS FIRST EXPOSURE TO THE WORK OF AN RSO. IN THE INTERESTS OF THE EMPLOYEE AND THE SERVICE I FEEL IT IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR A NEW OFFICER TO SERVIE HIS FIRST OVERSEAS TOUR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A MORE EXPERIENCED RSO.

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3. IN SHORT MY GREATEST CONCERN IS THAT WE IDENTIFY AND ASSIGN A QUALIFIED SECURITY OFFICER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN KEEP HIM MEANINGFULLY OCCUPIED EVEN IF HE IS NOT A QUALIFIED TECHNICIAN. WHEN AND IF HE IS NOT FULLY OCCUPIED WITH SECURITY WE CAN USE HIM AS A FILLER LIAISON OFFICER OR ON OCCASSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. IN ANY EVENT HE WILL NOT HAVE MUCH SPARE TIME FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS. APPRECIATE SSM'S

CONTINUED ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND ANTICIPATE THAT
A SATISFACTORY CANDIDATE WILL ARRIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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